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DEC 6 2004

Mr. Michael J. Broder 13700 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Davie, Florida 33325

RE: MUR 5094

Dear Mr. Broder:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on September 12, 2000 concerning Bill McCollum and the Republican Party of Florida. Based on that complaint, on September 25, 2001, the Commission found that there was reason to believe the McCollum Victory Committee and D. Jan McBride, as treasurer, and the National Republican Senatorial Committee and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 433(b)(2) and 11 CFR § 102.17(c). The Commission also found that there was reason to believe the Republican Party of Florida (nonfederal account) and its treasurer violated 11 CFR § 102.17(c), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and instituted an investigation of this matter. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, on November 17, 2004 the Commission determined to take no further action against those respondents.

In addition, on November 17, 2004, the Commission found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by respondents, there is no reason to believe Bill McCollum; Bill McCollum for US Senate and Richard L. Pilhorn, as treasurer; and John Thrasher violated the Act in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton

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**Enclosure** 

General Counsel's Report